Leicester, Ms.

Feb. 13/61.

Dear Burleigh;

I was in Boston last week. Mr. Prentiss (our printer) wishes very much that you could let them have enough of your Mss. to make a begening soon. As only 2 months remain before it will be needful to have the complete Mss. in their hands, I think it is best that you should send all you can; particularly as some delay will be caused by our Committee reading it. I would advise your sending it to Charles K. Whipple in Boston, when you do send. It would not be worth while to have it come here, as it would increase the hazards of loss, by multiplying the no. of hands to pass through. Direct to him, care R. F. Wallcut, 221 W. St., Room No. 6 — the more particular the better, and send by a trusty messenger.

Also, please drop me a line in early reply to this, saying if you have sent to Whipple; or when, probably, you will send. Also, please tell me, as near as may be, the progress you have made in the work. — If a larger compensation for doing the work is deemed needful, or if it will more certainly secure its being done in season, — please say so, and I will, in either case, use my influence to have a larger sum appropriated. — I am very anxious you should give your main attention to it, until the work is brought to the verge of completion.

Very truly Yours

Sam'l. May Jr.

Prentiss is ready to furnish you paper for writing the Report on, if you wish.

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